

REMARKS

Claims 1-68 are in the case.

They have been subjected to a restriction requirement.

Restriction is required to one of the following groups:

Group I (Claims 1-11);

Group II (Claims 12-21);

Group III (Claims 22-23);

Group IV (Claims 24-34);

Group V (Claims 35-41);

Group VI (Claims 42-44);

Group VII (Claims 45-49);

Group VIII (Claims 50-51);

Group IX (Claims 52-53);

Group X (Claims 54-55);

Group XI (Claims 56-59); and

Group XII (Claims 60-68).

The undersigned elects Group V (Claims 35-41) without traverse.

However, it is pointed out that for efficiency purposes on the PTO's part and to advance prosecution it would be good to examine Group IV at the same time as Group V. Please note that there is overlap between claims of Group V and claims of Group IV.


Consider that claim 24 (Group IV) is directed to administration of organic nitrate and mitochondria-selective thiol or transgene and claim 25 (Group IV) defines the organic nitrate as GTN (nitroglycerin) and claim 35 (Group V) is directed to administration of nitroglycerin and a dithiol and/or other reductant and claim 36 (Group V) defines the dithiol as a mitochondria-selective thiol. Please also consider that claim 30 (Group V) is directed to treating restenosis; claim 31 (Group IV) is directed to treating unstable coronary syndrome, claim 32 (Group IV) is directed to treating unstable angina, claim 33 (Group IV) is directed to treating asthma, and claim 34 (Group IV) is directed to treating rectal spasm; and claim 36 (Group V) is directed to treating unstable coronary syndrome, restenosis, heart failure, asthma and rectal spasm.

Thus there is overlap of Groups (IV) and (V) with respect to treating agents and diseases treated.

Examination of claims 24-41 is requested.

In the event election of species of dithiol is requested, the undersigned elects dihydrolipoic acid (claim 39 of Group V; see Example XXXII).

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